

**Resolution authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations from the Real Estate Assessment Fund to create a new Board of Revision Mediation Program. (Auditor)**

**WHEREAS**, complaints filed with the Franklin County Board of Revision have increased from approximately 3,500 filings in 2007 to approximately 11,000 prior to the filing deadline in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, delayed hearings and slow processing of decisions on complaints creates a burden on taxpayers, additional work for the county offices to determine proper refunds and charges, as well uncertainty for the schools in their budgeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Revision, comprised of the Franklin County Auditor, Treasurer and a member of the Board of Commissioners worked with the Supreme Court of Ohio to design and implement a Mediation Program to assist the Board of Revision in handling its recently expanded caseload and to assist taxpayers in a cost efficient and expedient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Auditor is the Secretary of the Franklin County Board of Revision and responsible for all administrative and clerical duties of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, 6,000 cases have been targeted for inclusion within the mediation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Auditor has indicated that there are sufficient funds in the Real Estate Assessment Fund to cover the program costs of the addition of ten (10) positions, contract mediators and other associated expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Auditor has requested supplemental appropriations within the Real Estate Assessment Fund to implement this Mediation Program starting June 4, 2013; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That ten new full-time positions, within the Auditor's Office and supported by the Real Estate Assessment Fund, are hereby approved.

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2. That supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$695,185 are hereby authorized from the unappropriated cash balances as follows and as allocated per the attached document (Journal #1011).

	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Auditor/REA Fund/Personal Services Fund 2013	\$298,658
Auditor/REA Fund/Fringe Benefits Fund 2013	\$136,527
Auditor/REA Fund/Materials & Services Fund 2013	\$220,000
Auditor/REA Fund/Capital Outlays Fund 2013	<u>\$40,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$695,185</u></b>

3. That should the Board of Revision rescind its approval of the Mediation Program, the positions authorized by this resolution shall be eliminated from the Auditor's Real Estate Assessment Fund.

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cc: Auditor  
Treasurer  
Commissioners